

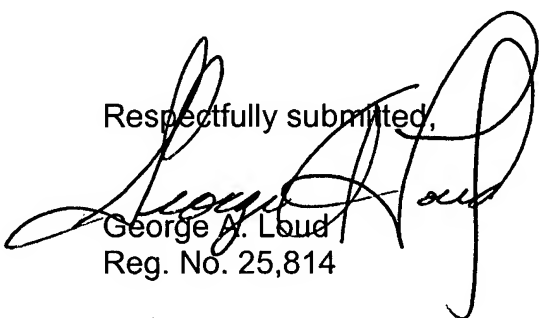
12. (Original) The composition according to claim 11, which comprises a lactic acid bacterium, *Lactobacillus salivarius* TI 2711 strain (FERM BP-7974), and erythritol.

13. (New) The live bacterium preparation or food containing a lactic acid bacterium according to claim 2, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is *Lactobacillus salivarius* TI 2711 strain (FERM BP-7974).

14. (New) The live bacterium preparation or food containing a lactic acid bacterium according to claim 3, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is *Lactobacillus salivarius* TI 2711 strain (FERM BP-7974).

15. (New) The live bacterium preparation or food containing a lactic acid bacterium according to claim 4, wherein the lactic acid bacterium is *Lactobacillus salivarius* TI 2711 strain (FERM BP-7974).

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